

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/674,198	CLINCH ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Katherine W. Mitchell	3677	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Katherine W. Mitchell. (3)_____.

(2) James O'Malley. (4)_____.

Date of Interview: 01 August 2005.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: _____.

Identification of prior art discussed: _____.

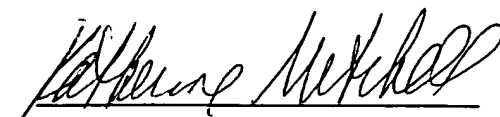
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant called to inquire why duplicate actions were mailed on the same day - July 15, 2005, with different Office Action Summary sheets. Examiner apologized for the confusion - the examiner noticed that a related case turned in at the same time was listed as a FINAL, when it was a first action. and discovered an error in the processing of the case. The administrative staff was fairly certain that the correct action would be mailed for this case, but to be sure, the examiner reprinted the case and resubmitted it. Apparently, the vacated office action, while being identical to the replacement action, had an incorrect Office Action Summary sheet. Applicant was very understanding, but examiner wants the record clear and thus is resending a correct office action/summary sheet. A typing error is also being corrected in the "restriciton" paragraph of the action.

In addition, applicant asked for clarificaiton on 37 CFR 1.111, and examiner explained that the applicant must specifically point out at least one patenetably distinct feature of the new claims/ amended claims that reads over the applied art.

Applicant also noted that the "freely suspended" was added in response to a comment by examiner. Responding to an argument that a particular reference does not teach freey suspended, and noting that freely suspended would read over a reference, was not meant to imply that "freely suspended" could be added to the claims. Examiner does not check the originally filed disclosure for new matter until the new matter is submitted - hypothetical situations were answered assuming that there was proper support in the specification. Examiner apologizes for the confusion. .

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	Examiner Katherine Mitchell	Art Unit 3677	

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(2) James OMalley. (4)_____.

Date of Interview: last 2 weeks Sept. 2004

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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: all.

Identification of prior art discussed: DE3445514, Petrus Parkin.

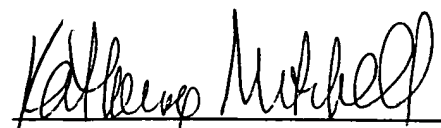
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Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Examiner called to propose an examiner's amendment in view of newly found art, including DE3445514, Petrus. Applicant faxed in draft of proposed amended claims, but added numerous independent claims with unsearched limitations. Examiner was unable to allow the claims in an examiner's amendment without completely new search, thus the proposed examiner's amendment of the pending claims was cancelled and a new rejection has been provided. .